



PROJECT SUMMARY: Westbend Parkway

The City of New Orleans is moving forward on safety and complete streets improvements along Westbend Parkway between General De Gaulle Drive and Wall Blvd. Funding for this project is available from the 2016 bond program as part of the Moving New Orleans initiative.



Westbend Parkway is approximately 0.65 miles long and is one of several key north-south major streets in Algiers. The land uses along the majority of Westbend Parkway are residential, but major commercial destinations are located along General De Gaulle Drive. Westbend Parkway is also a route for the No. 114 and No. 115 buses.

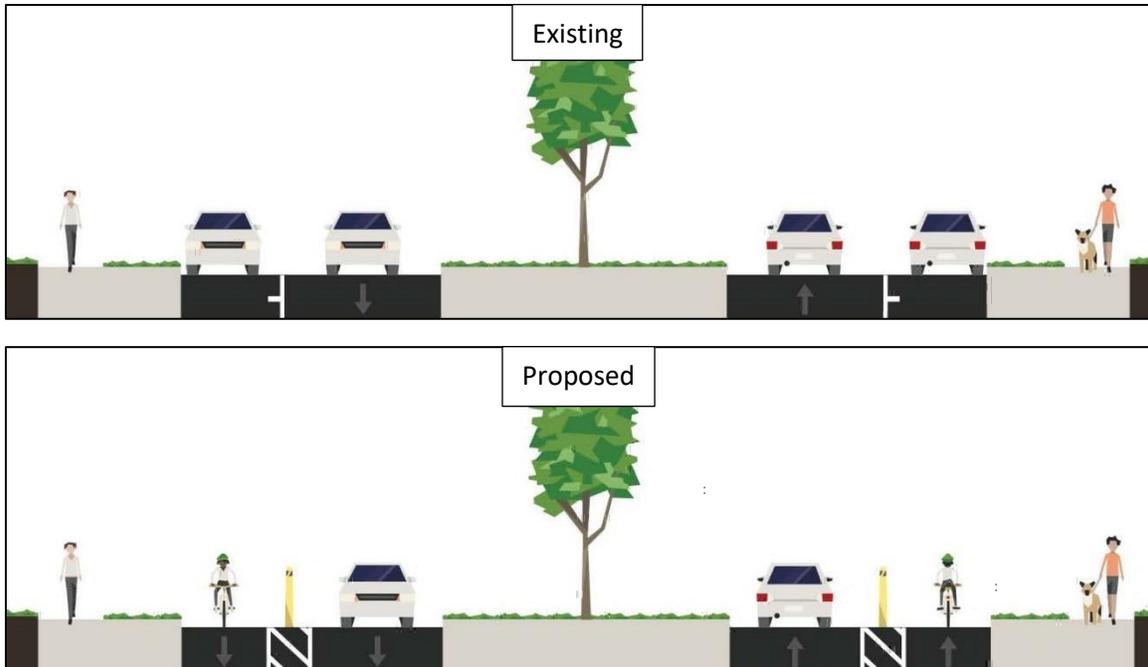
Westbend Parkway Traffic Safety Snapshot (2014 – 2018)

A total of 181 crashes were recorded on Westbend Parkway over the five-year period (2014-2018), resulting in one fatality and the injury of 119 people. Most crashes occurred at General De Gaulle Drive (147) followed by Vespasian Blvd (18) and Herschel Street (6). There were 11 crashes involving pedestrians, one of which resulted in a fatality and four crashes involving bicyclists.

Proposed Improvements

Improvements include replacing and repairing concrete panels and joints, adding curb ramps at corners, installing protected bike lanes, improving access to bus stops, repairing sidewalks, installing pedestrian signals at General de Gaulle Drive, and installing crosswalks. The roadway will be reconfigured to include a vehicular and a bike lane in each direction. The proposed improvements are designed to address pavement quality issues, improve overall safety, and make Westbend Parkway a more comfortable place to walk, bike, drive and use transit.





Existing and proposed roadway cross sections for Westbend Parkway

Public Outreach

A series of Citywide Bike Network Planning Meetings were held in 2019.

- April - Eight meetings were held to gather public input in each of the five City Council Districts (340 attendees).
- July - August – Three meetings were organized to present a draft of the network plan.
- August – Two preliminary design review meetings were held in Algiers to discuss the first phase of bikeways that were proposed for construction.

In addition to public meetings, input was received online between April and June through an online interactive bike network planning map. A total of 2,288 people commented and made recommendations.

What is Moving New Orleans?

As an initiative of Mayor LaToya Cantrell, **Moving New Orleans** is a multi-modal strategy that is focused on improving the safety, equity, efficiency and connectivity of the City's transportation network.

Moving New Orleans Bikes (MNOB) is the first of several focused strategies to be implemented under this framework. MNOB is a joint initiative of the Mayor's Office of Transportation and Department of Public Works that is designed to accelerate the construction of a 75-mile connected low-stress bikeway network.

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